WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARED QUESTIONS

Effect of India-Sri Lanka FTA on Farmers

1510. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports between Sri Lanka and India, after the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), has grown considerably;

(b) if so, the details of spices and copra trade between both the countries after the FTA, Year-wise and category-wise as on date;

(c) the details of steps taken to protect the farmers of spices and copra from price fall after FTA year-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the steps taken including conditions specified to protect the farmers from further price fall, if any, while implementing, FTA like South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indo-Russia Bilateral Trade and Investment

1511. DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and Russian businessmen enterprises are all set to develop a new partnership to increase bilateral trade and investment;

(b) whether according to figures the level of trade is still far below the potential and is limited to traditional items;

(c) whether exports from India to Russia have been exhibiting a downward trend;

(d) if so, what is the outcome fo the summit held between Indian and Russian trade;

(e) whether any agreement has been reached; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?